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Results are based on telephone interviews conducted October 1-19, 2021 with a random sample of –823—adults, ages 18+, living in all 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia. For results based on this sample of national adults, the margin of sampling error is ± 4 percentage points at the 95% confidence level.

For results based on the sample of – 290 – gun owners, the margin of sampling error is ± 7 percentage points at the 95% confidence level.

Interviews are conducted with respondents on landline telephones and cellular phones, with interviews conducted in Spanish for respondents who are primarily Spanish-speaking. Each sample of national adults includes a minimum quota of 70% cell phone respondents and 30% landline respondents, with additional minimum quotas by time zone within region. Landline and cell phone telephone numbers are selected using random digit dial methods. Gallup obtained sample for this study from Dynata. Landline respondents are chosen at random within each household on the basis of which member has the next birthday.

Samples are weighted to correct for unequal selection probability, non-response, and double coverage of landline and cell users in the two sampling frames. They are also weighted to match the national demographics of gender, age, race, Hispanic ethnicity, education, region, population density, and phone status (cell phone-only/landline only/both and cell phone mostly). Demographic weighting targets are based on the March 2019 Current Population Survey figures for the aged 18 and older U.S. population. Phone status targets are based on the July-December 2019 National Health Interview Survey. Population density targets are based on the 2010 census. All reported margins of sampling error include the computed design effects for weighting.

In addition to sampling error, question wording and practical difficulties in conducting surveys can introduce error or bias into the findings of public opinion polls. For questions about how this survey was conducted, please contact galluphelp@gallup.com.

Thinking about something else,

18. In general, do you feel that the laws covering the sale of firearms should be made more strict, less strict, or kept as they are now?

	<u>More strict</u>	<u>Less strict</u>	<u>Kept as now</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2021 Oct 1-19	52	11	35	1
2020 Sep 30-Oct 15	57	9	34	*
2019 Oct 1-13	64	7	28	1
2019 Aug 15-30	63	7	29	1
2018 Oct 1-10	61	8	30	2
2018 Mar 1-8	67	4	28	1
2017 Oct 5-11	60	5	33	1
2016 Oct 5-9	55	10	34	1
2015 Oct 7-11	55	11	33	*
2014 Oct 12-15	47	14	38	1
2013 Oct 3-6	49	13	37	1
2013 Sep 17-18 †	49	13	37	2
2012 Dec 19-22	58	6	34	2
2011 Oct 6-9	43	11	44	2
2010 Oct 7-10	44	12	42	2
2009 Oct 1-4	44	12	43	1
2008 Oct 3-5	49	8	41	2
2007 Oct 4-7	51	8	39	2
2006 Oct 9-12	56	9	33	2
2005 Oct 13-16	57	7	35	1
2004 Oct 11-14	54	11	34	1
2004 Jan 9-11	60	6	34	*
2003 Oct 6-8	55	9	36	*
2002 Oct 14-17	51	11	36	2
2001 Oct 11-14	53	8	38	1
2000 May 5-7	62	5	31	2
2000 Apr 7-9	61	7	30	2
1999 Dec 9-12	60	10	29	1
1999 Aug 3-4	66	6	27	1
1999 Jun 25-27	62	6	31	1
1999 May 23-24	65	5	28	2
1999 Apr 26-27	66	7	25	2
1999 Feb 8-9	60	9	29	2
1995 Apr 23-24 ^	62	12	24	2
1993 Dec 17-19	67	7	25	1
1993 Mar 12-14	70	4	24	2
1991 Mar 21-24	68	5	25	2
1990 Sep 10-11	78	2	17	3

^ Asked of half sample.

† Asked on Gallup Daily tracking poll.

19. Do you think there should or should not be a law that would ban the possession of handguns, except by the police and other authorized persons?

	<u>Should be</u>	<u>Should not be</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2021 Oct 1-19	19	80	1
2020 Sep 30-Oct 15	25	74	1
2019 Oct 1-13	29	70	1
2018 Oct 1-10	28	71	1
2017 Oct 5-11	28	71	1
2016 Oct 5-9	23	76	1
2015 Oct 7-11	27	72	1
2014 Oct 12-15	26	73	1
2013 Oct 3-6	25	74	2
2012 Dec 19-22	24	74	2
2011 Oct 6-9	26	73	1
2010 Oct 7-10	29	69	1
2009 Oct 1-4	28	71	1
2008 Oct 3-5	29	69	2
2007 Oct 4-7	30	68	2
2006 Oct 9-12	32	66	2
2005 Oct 13-16	35	64	1
2004 Oct 11-14	36	63	1
2003 Oct 6-8	32	67	1
2002 Oct 14-17	32	65	3
2000 Aug 29-Sep 5	36	62	2
1999 Apr 26-27	38	59	3
1999 Feb 8-9	34	64	2
1993 Dec 17-19	39	60	1
1993 Mar 12-14	42	54	4
1991 Mar 21-24	43	53	4
1990 Sep 10-11	41	55	4
1988 Jul 1-7	37	59	4
1987 Oct 12-18	42	50	8
1982 Apr 2-5	41	54	5
1981 Jun 19-22	41	54	5
1981 Apr 3-6	39	58	3
1980 Dec 12-21	38	51	11
1979 Nov 2-5 ^	31	65	4
1975 Mar 7-10 ^	41	55	4
1965 Jan 7-12 †	49	44	7
1959 Jul 23-28 †	60	36	4

^ WORDING: Now here is a question about pistols and revolvers. Do you think there should or should not be a law which would forbid the possession of this type of gun except by the police and other authorized persons?

† WORDING: What about the possession of pistols and revolvers--do you think there should be a law which would forbid the possession of this type of gun except by the police or other authorized persons?

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QN18: Laws Covering the Sale of Firearms BY Total + Gender + Race I + Age + Education + Party I.D. + Ideology

		Gender			Race I		Age			Education			Party I.D.			Ideology		
		Total	Male	Female	White	Non-white	18-34	35-54	55+	College Grad	Some College	HS Grad or Less	Republican	Independent	Democrat	Conservative	Moderate	Liberal
Total	Unweighted n	823	454	369	581	223	155	220	429	367	281	172	234	335	222	328	277	190
	Weighted n	823	406	417	541	268	221	261	328	290	231	301	217	360	215	297	301	202
More strict		426	175	252	252	169	116	135	170	186	95	145	52	160	195	85	166	165
		52%	43%	60%	46%	63%	53%	52%	52%	64%	41%	48%	24%	45%	91%	29%	55%	82%
Less strict		94	74	20	64	26	31	19	41	21	19	53	43	42	7	58	19	10
		11%	18%	5%	12%	10%	14%	7%	12%	7%	8%	18%	20%	12%	3%	19%	6%	5%
Kept as they are now		291	151	140	216	72	69	104	114	80	115	95	122	148	13	153	110	23
		35%	37%	34%	40%	27%	31%	40%	35%	28%	50%	32%	56%	41%	6%	52%	37%	11%
(DK)/(Refused)		11	7	5	10	1	5	4	3	3	2	7	0	9	1	1	6	3
		1%	2%	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	0%	3%	0%	0%	2%	2%

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QN19: Law Banning Possession of Handguns BY Total + Gender + Race I + Age + Education + Party I.D. + Ideology

		Gender			Race I		Age			Education			Party I.D.			Ideology		
		Total	Male	Female	White	Non-white	18-34	35-54	55+	College Grad	Some College	HS Grad or Less	Republican	Independent	Democrat	Conservative	Moderate	Liberal
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Yes, should be		157	63	95	74	80	36	46	72	67	27	64	14	50	86	35	55	66
		19%	15%	23%	14%	30%	16%	17%	22%	23%	12%	21%	6%	14%	40%	12%	18%	33%
No, should not be		661	343	318	463	187	185	216	251	222	204	234	203	307	128	262	246	132
		80%	85%	76%	86%	70%	84%	83%	77%	76%	88%	78%	93%	85%	59%	88%	82%	66%
(DK)/(Refused)		5	-	5	4	0	-	-	4	1	0	3	1	3	1	1	-	3
		1%	-	1%	1%	0%	-	-	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%	1%	0%	-	2%